

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ACREAGE UNDER CROP - CEREALS AND HAY, 1924-25.

During the recent Annual Collection of Statistics, the acreage under, or intended to be sown with, Wheat, Barley and Oats for the season 1924-25 was obtained from each farm holding.

The grand total acreage under Wheat, Barley and Oats for all purposes is estimated to be 3,482,040 (3,429,556) acres, an increase of 52,484 acres; Wheat and Oats have increased sown areas of respectively 20,287 acres and 38,429 acres, whilst there is a probable decrease of 6,232 acres under Barley. The following are the details:-

CROP	1924-25 Acres	1923-24 Acres	Increase Acres
WHEAT	2,834,314	2,814,027	20,287
BARLEY	188,599	194,831	-6,232
OATS	459,127	420,698	38,429
Total	3,482,040	3,429,556	52,484

NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

Cereals and Hay are reported as being sown on 15,811 (15,628) holdings, wheat on 13,941 (13,936); Barley on 4,244 (4,036); Oats on 1,806 (8,364).

WHEAT AREAS IN DIVISIONS.

Divisions.	1924-25 Acres	1923-24 Acres	Increase Acres
Central	625,716	613,872	11,844
Lower North	842,485	842,673	-188
Upper North	237,407	258,645	-21,238
South Eastern	30,605	26,915	3,690
Western	549,176	529,680	19,496
Murray Mallee	548,925	542,032	6,893
Outside	-	210	-210
Total	2,834,314	2,814,027	20,287

It is expected that 2,473,000 acres under Wheat will be reserved for grain, the balance 361,314 acres being cut for Hay. These figures include all areas which have failed entirely or been fed off.